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In re Application of:
Saka et al.

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For: **In-Situ Method and Apparatus
for End Point Detection in
Chemical Mechanical Polishing**

Group Art Unit: **2877**

Examiner: **M. P. Stafira**

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patent
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Sir:

Applicant has considered the Office Action mailed April 18, 2003 in the above-captioned application and requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow. Accompanying this amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) extending the period for response by two months, to and including Thursday, September 18, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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